

# **CITY OF SHELTON, CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes for the regular meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.  
S.E.D.C. Headquarters, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT.**

**Minutes should be considered a draft version until approved by the CAB at their regular meeting.**

**Members Present: Judith Augusta, Guy Beardsley, Joe Bienkowski, Joe DeFlippo,  
Regis Dognin, Jim Oram, Rebecca Twombly**

**Members Absent: Cheryl Dzuibina, Rob Novak, David Zamba**

**A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Jim Oram,  
who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Guests(s): None**

**Regis Dognan shared a copy of plans for the downtown Matto property and possible additional building in the Howe/Coram/Center St/White St blocks. The group discussed the plans and potential variations. Members support the concept of underground parking, with concerns about safety and security for people entering and leaving the facility. The potential for relocating City Hall was discussed. Mixed opinions weighed advantage of bringing City Hall customers to the area vs revenue-producing commercial uses.**

**Canal street development was discussed, with parking and pedestrian safety as concerns. Avalon residents continue to use on-street parking in lieu of paying for additional Avalon parking garage spots. Speed of traffic on and around Canal St is a hazard; traffic calming measures should be installed. The group discussed the need for police presence on Canal St and the riverwalk.**

**Members discussed the advantages of having more commercial uses on Canal St, as opposed to mostly residential. Stores and restaurants could serve the needs of Canal St. residents and attract more customers to the downtown. Uses should continue to focus on the riverfront as the main attraction of the area.**

**Graffiti and blight remain as detractors to riverfront development. Removal of graffiti and renovation of the historic canal lock were discussed by the group. Concern was voiced for the potential loss of the historic gate house due to neglect. The group would like to see City officials involved in the resolving the condition of blighted building.**

**Transportation opportunities to move people between Canal St, Howe Ave, Derby, and the railroad station were discussed. Trams, shuttles, and an aerial tramway were several possibilities.**

**The Citizens Advisory Board would like to view successful riverfront development. A trip to Norwich, with SEDC and, possibly Planning and Zoning Board members will be discussed with Jim Ryan.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Joe DeFilippo made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Rebecca Twombly and so moved.**

**The next meeting of the CAB will be held July 15, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the SEDC Office, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT \***

***Please note:***

***If you are unable to attend this meeting please call Jim Oram at 203.924.9134 (afternoons or evenings) or email him at [jamesf45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamesf45@sbcglobal.net).***

**Respectively submitted,  
Jim Oram  
Chairperson**